

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
SPECIAL CALL MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Natchitoches met in legal special call session at the Natchitoches Council Chambers, 716 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana on Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

There were present:

Mayor Ronnie Williams
Councilwoman At Large Betty Sawyer-Smith
Councilman Eddie Harrington
Councilman Dale Nielsen
Councilwoman Rosemary Elie
Councilman Christopher Petite

Guests: None

Absent: None

Mayor Pro Temp Betty Sawyer Smith called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone for coming. Councilman Petite led the invocation and Councilman Harrington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Nielsen and Seconded by Mr. Petite as follows, to –wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 110 OF 2021

A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED APPLICATION ASSISTANCE FOR GRANT SUBMITTED FOR FUNDING TO THE LOVE LOUISIANA OUTDOORS GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches is desirous of submitting an application to the Love Louisiana Outdoors Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the application is to seek grant funding and/or revenue for funding for re-development of Richardson Park on Lake Street; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to acknowledge that employees of the City of Natchitoches will be administering the Love Louisiana Outdoors Grant Program to receive two bonus points, should funding become available.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches Administrative Employees have extensive back ground experience with the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) one that is comparable to the Love Louisiana Outdoors Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Natchitoches offers its full support of a grant application submitted by the City of Natchitoches for funding to the Love Louisiana Outdoors Grant Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., is hereby authorized to sign the grant application and all other administrative documents on behalf of the City of Natchitoches.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Nielsen, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Elie
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Pro Tempore, Betty Smith declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 28th day of December, 2021.

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Harrington and Seconded by Mr. Petite as follows, to –wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 111 OF 2021

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHES TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND
THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA FOR THE
TEXAS STREET CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT, PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION
(FP&C PROJECT #50-MK9-21-01)**

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, through the Office of Facility Planning and Control of The Division of Administration, has approved funding for the Texas Street Corridor Improvements - Planning and Construction, in the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100 (\$150,000.00) Dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Louisiana requires that a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement be executed in connection with this project; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches desires approval to sign a cooperative endeavor agreement and other documents that may be required to facilitate the funding of the above-described project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., of the City of Natchitoches is hereby authorized and empowered to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and other documents necessary and required by the State of Louisiana and the City of Natchitoches to proceed with funding for the Texas Street Corridor Improvements – Planning and Construction.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES:	Nielsen, Harrington, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Elie
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Pro Tempore, Betty Smith declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 28th day of December, 2021.

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

With no further discussion, Mayor Williams made a motion for adjournment and all were in favor.
The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE